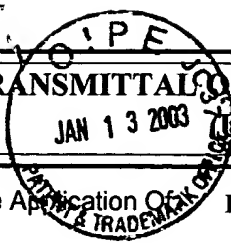


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. EP 0 692 729 A1, dated January 17, 1996;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,739,651, dated April 14, 1998, issued to Miyazawa et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,168,203, dated December 1, 1992, issued to Tepavcevic;
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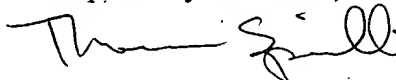
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The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated December 3, 2002. Applicant is submitting copies of references 1-3 and 5, along with a copy of the Search Report. Reference 4 was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 2, 2001. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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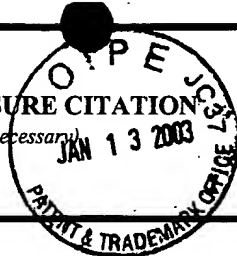
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